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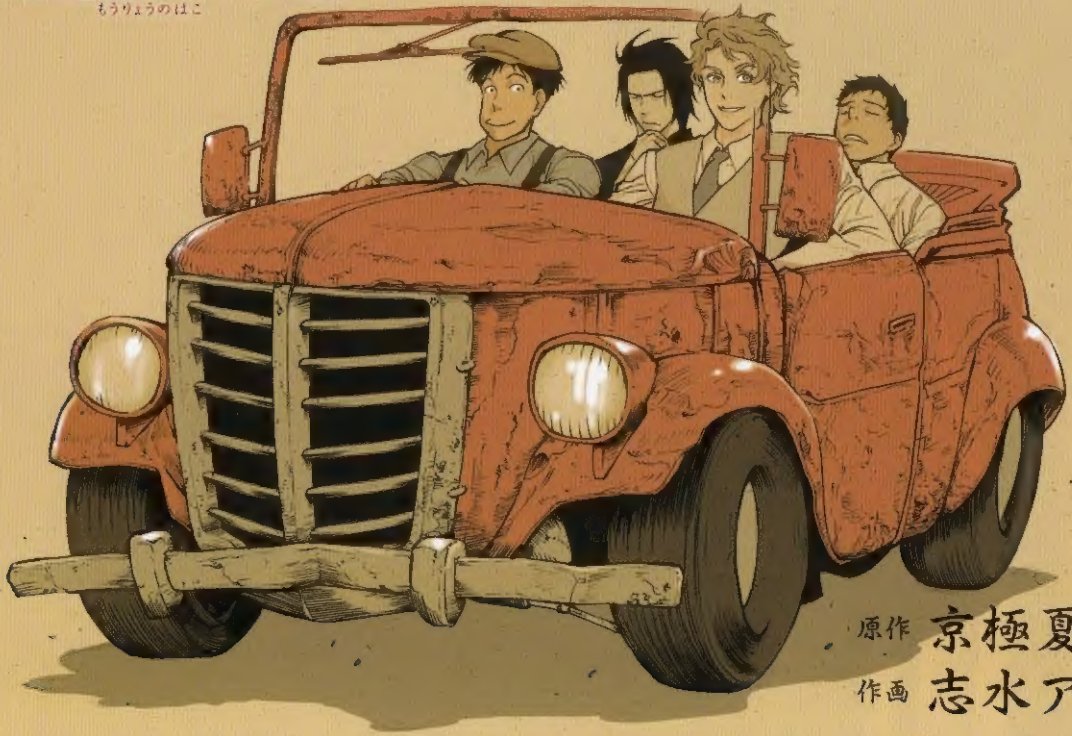

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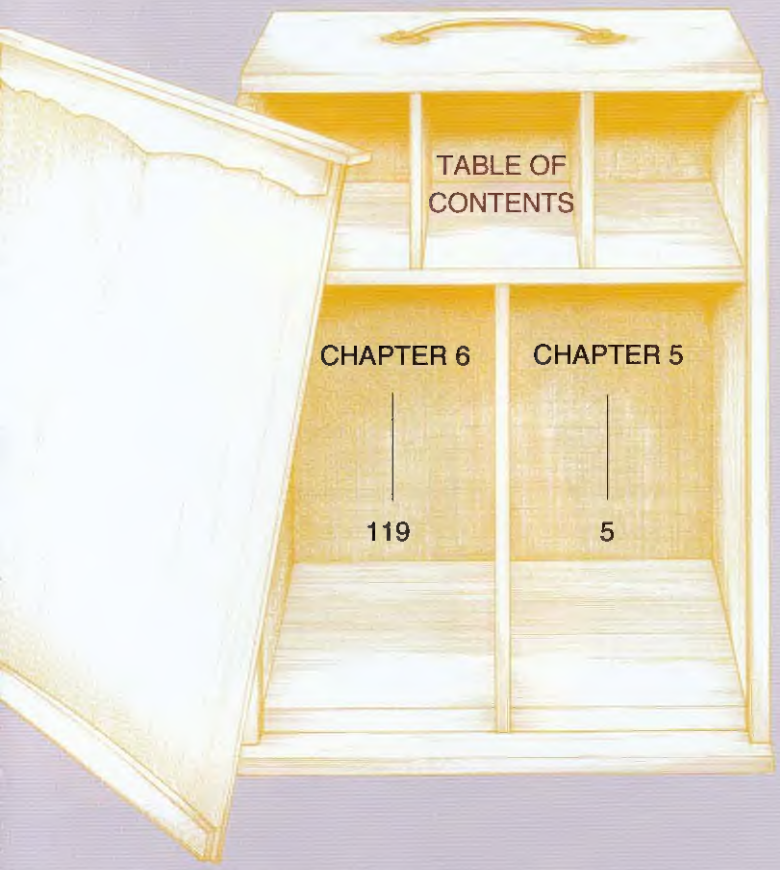
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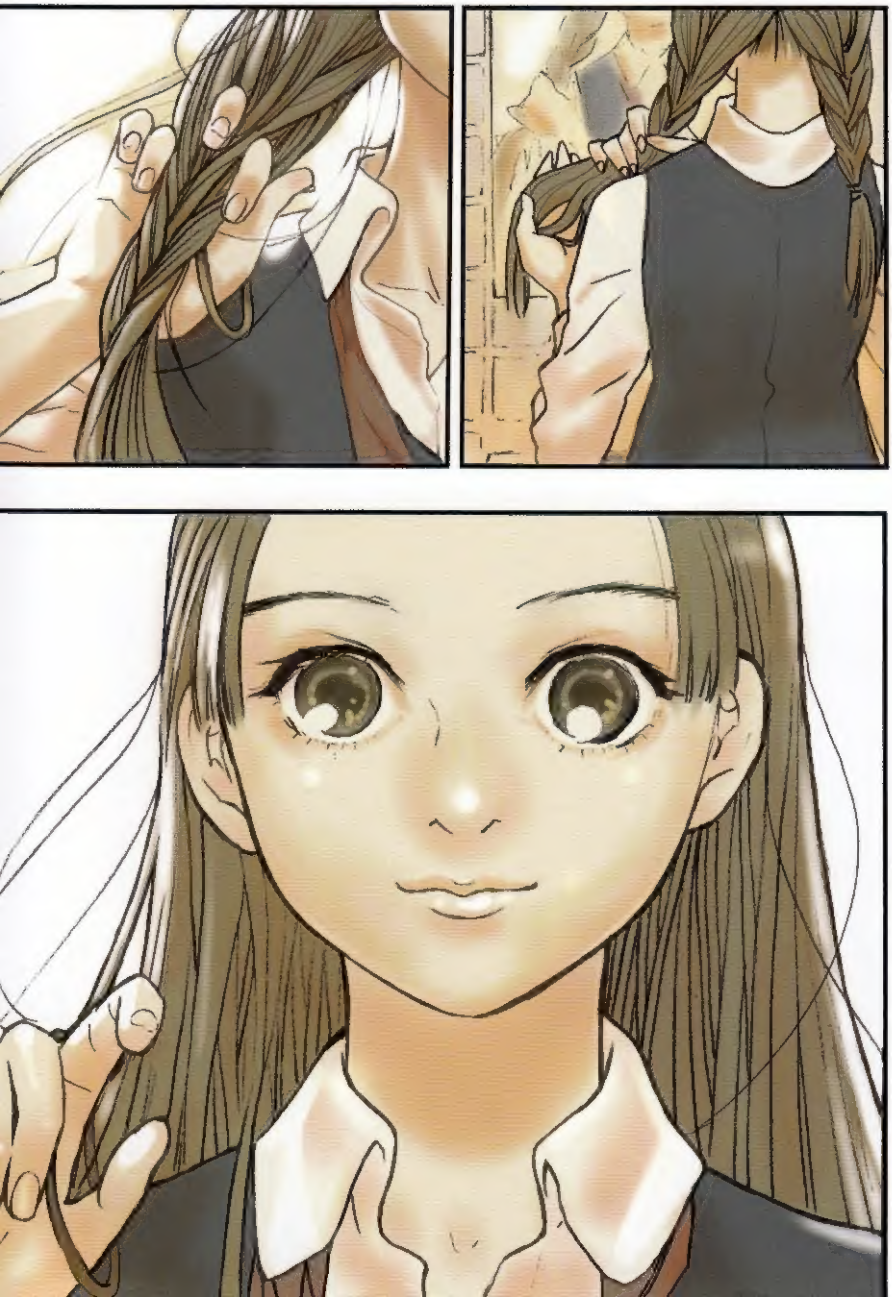

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AFTER GRADUATING MIDDLE SCHOOL HE LEARNED TO LATHE AND WELD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HYOUE'S FATHER'S FAMILY CRAFTWORK BUSINESS DID NOT GO WELL-

TERADA HYOUE WAS A TACITURN AND MEDIOCRE CHILD.

AFTER THAT, HIS FACTORY WAS CALLED THE "BOX STORE".

THIS OCCURRED WHEN HYOUE WAS ABOUT 17.

HE STARTED MAKING BOXES FOR DOLLS.

HE STARTED MAKING BOXES OUT OF METAL.

EVENTUALLY, HYOUE TOOK OVER THE BUSINESS AND GOT MARRIED AT 25 OR 26.

THE BOX STORE STARTED TO MAKE HEADWAY AND THEY SOON BEGAN TO MAKE BOXES FOR THINGS OTHER THAN DOLLS.

ORDERS CAME IN ONE AFTER ANOTHER;

FOR A TRIAL PRODUCT FOR A MACHINE, FOR A SPECIAL FACILITY IN A LABORATORY— EVEN FROM UNIVERSITIES AND THE ARMY.

A BOX...

IS WHAT HYOUE MADE.

ACCURATE AND CONCISE, WITHOUT A HINT OF DISTORTION, THEY WERE PERFECT.

IT WAS SAID THAT THEY WERE MAGNIFICENT—

MAYBE IT'S THE BLOOD THAT RUNS IN OUR FAMILY FROM THE EDO PERIOD OF BUILDING SHRINES AND TEMPLES THAT MAKES ME DO THIS.

IS WHAT HE SAID.

※ According to the owner of the bath house next door.

BOXES.

BOXES.

BOXES.

BOXES WERE EVERYTHING TO HIM.

BOXES HE MADE WITHOUT EATING OR SLEEPING.

ONE DAY, HYOUE BECAME POSSESSED BY THE BOX.

HOWEVER, HE SUFFERED A SETBACK:

THE PACIFIC WAR.

EVERYONE THOUGHT THAT THE OWNER OF THE BOX STORE WAS POSSESSED BY BOXES.

HYOUE WAS DRAFTED, LONG AFTER HE HAD PASSED THE AGE OF 30.

NOT BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, BUT BECAUSE HE COULDN'T MAKE ANY BOXES.

ORDERS BEGAN TO DECREASE AND HYOUE STARTED TO LOSE HIMSELF.

WHEN HE RETURNED TO THE MAINLAND, ALL H S STAFF HAD D ED

HE CLOSED OFF HIS HEART FROM HIS SURROUNDINGS AND CONTINUED...

HYOUE STARTED UP THE BOX-STORE ON HIS OWN.

MAKING THE BOXES ALL ALONE...

TERADA HYOUE
MASAE
TADASHI

THE ONLY THING WE DON'T KNOW ARE THE WHEREABOUTS OF HIS FAMILY.

...AND, WELL, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH THE LIFE OF TERADA HYOUE.

THE WIFE, MASAE, AND THE SON, TADASHI... NONE OF HYOUE'S NEIGHBORS KNEW THEIR LOCATION.

HE COULDN'T SOCIALIZE WELL WITH OTHERS AND LOCKED HIMSELF IN HIS OWN SHELL...

I JUST THINK HE WAS CLUMSY.

TERADA HYOUE... I CAN'T TELL IF HIS LIFE WAS MEDIOCRE OR MISERABLE, BUT... I CAN'T THINK OF HIM AS A STRANGER.

THAT'S THE STRANGE PART.

THE CATALYST WAS THE BATH HOUSE NEXT DOOR.

...SO? HOW DID HYOUE BECOME A PSYCHIC?

TWO YEARS AGO— YEAR 25 IN THE SHOWA ERA, THE BATH HOUSE OWNER FOUND A BOX IN HIS ATTIC.

WELL, THE OLD MAN'S NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD, SO I GUESS WE'LL GO GIVE IT BACK.

LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING THE OLD GRANDMOTHER AT THE BOX STORE LEFT TO YOUR GRANDFATHER.

THIS IS HARD TO READ.

UHHH... YUKICHI-SAMA..

THERE'S A LETTER.

WHAT IS THIS?

SO THEY GAVE IT TO US INSTEAD.

I DO RECALL THEM FIGHTING ABOUT THROWING SOMETHING AWAY WHEN I WAS A KID...

LET'S OPEN IT.

SO, SOME PROFESSOR CAME TO LOOK AT YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S "POWERS" AND WAS KICKED OUT BY YOUR GRANDFATHER, WHO LEFT THE BOX THERE.

I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE YOUR GRAND-FATHER HATED THAT KIND OF STUFF.

I SEE.

SHE WAS FAMOUS AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE BATH HOUSE OWNER REMEMBERED THAT.

THE GRAND-MOTHER HAD PSYCHIC ABILITIES.

THE CONTENTS OF THAT BOX, WEREN'T THEY SOMETHING LIKE A POT MADE OUT OF TIN?

ONE WITH HANDLES AND DRAWINGS OF RASPBERRIES OR GRAPES--?

I DON'T KNOW.

WHAT KIND OF ABILITIES?

WHAT?

IT'S CLAIR-VOYANCE.

ARE YOU SURE *YOU'RE* NOT A PSYCHIC?

SNORE

AND THE WOODEN BOX WAS TIED WITH ROPE AND SEALED WITH A PAPER SPRING AT THE KNOT.

IT'S EXACTLY LIKE YOU SAID. THAT'S WHAT THE BATH HOUSE OWNER TOLD ME.

THEN— THEY OPENED THE POT WONDERING WHAT KIND OF TREASURE THEY'D FIND INSIDE.

WOAH

THEY FOUND A PAPER WITH SOMETHING WRITTEN ON IT.

WHAT ARE YOU...

*WHY DOES HE KNOW THAT!?*

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| Chuu inherits the house; Hyoue is 17. | Meets with the third psychic, Takahashi. • Is banished from the University | ? | The second psychic, Nagao dies. | Professor Fukurai starts his public clairvoyance experiments. • Mifune commits suicide. | Hyoue's father Chuu marries. |

Professor Fukurai's experimenting period.

Look.

A TWO YEAR GAP IN TIME EXISTS FROM THE TIME NAGAO PERISHED AND FUKURAI ENCOUNTERED TAKAHASHI.

YOU MAKE THEM READ WHAT'S WRITTEN ON THE PAPER INSIDE.

IT'S PROFESSOR FUKURAI'S CLAIRVOYANCE TESTING KIT.

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WHEN HYOUE WAS ABOUT 5, PROFESSOR FUKURAI CAME TO THEIR HOUSE.

THAT MATCHES WITH HYOUE'S CHILDHOOD MEMORY.

Fukurai probably heard about Terada's rumor tch

THE TIME PERIOD MATCHES.

HOW DO YOU KNOW!?

IT SAID "MOU-RYOU" IN CHARAC-TERS.

*I SEE... IT'S NO MYSTERY ONCE IT'S EXPLAINED.*

AND TORIGUCHI-KUN, WHAT WAS WRITTEN ON THE PAPER INSIDE THE POT?

MOURYOU?

ANYWAYS, HE FELT SOMETHING THE MOMENT HE SAW IT.

I'M NOT SURE... BUT I RECALL THE BATH HOUSE OWNER SAYING IT WAS A DIFFICULT CHARACTER TO READ.

MOURYOU AS IN "CHIMI MOURYOU"*?

WHAT'S UP WITH KYOGO-KUDO...?

?

*A Japanese term that is used to mean the many spirits and monsters.

HE BEGAN TO CHANGE.

YES. AFTER SEEING IT,

AFTER SEEING THE WORD MOURYOU?

HIS PSYCHIC POWERS.

WHAT DID HE FEEL?

...

MOU...
RYOU...

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鬼

HM?
THAT'S
HOW YOU
READ IT?

JUST
LEAVE.

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

GET
OUT.

WHAT'S
WRONG?

HEY.

?

WHAT...

.....

WHAT?

WHAT
IS IT?
YOU'VE
GOTTEN
ALL
QUIET...

HE'S UNFRIENDLY AND HE HAS NO INTENTION OF SOCIALIZING WITH HIS NEIGH-BORS...

BESIDES, I'VE NEVER REALLY LIKED THAT GUY ANYWAYS.

Nod

Nod

AND... I GOT MAD AT HIM AND WE HAVEN'T MET SINCE.

HM...

IT SEEMS THEY WERE MOSTLY PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE DOLL INDUSTRY IN THE BEGIN-NING.

Like doll makers and doll stores

And

THE DISCIPLES HAVE BEEN VISITING HIM EVER SINCE.

NAG NAG NAG NAG NAG

HE MADE SOME WEIRD PRAYER ROOM... AND IT WAS FINISHED AT THE END OF AUGUST.

※ According to bath house employees.

BUT ONE DAY, THEY SUDDENLY BEGAN INTERIOR CONSTRUCTION IN THE BOX STORE.

NEW REGULARS WERE ORDERING LOTS OF WOODEN BOXES BY THE SUMMER.

※ According to the people at the tofu store.

HE WAS STILL MAKING BOXES THEN.

I BET HE DOESN'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE BOXES...

WHAT? HE DOESN'T MAKE THEM ANY-MORE?

MAYBE AROUND OCTOBER, A LOT OF PEOPLE STARTED TO SEEK ADVICE.

AFTER THE REMODELING, THEIR SIGNBOARD WAS CHANGED.

※ According to employees at the sweet shop.

ALL OF A SUDDEN-

THAT'S WHAT I HEARD.

THAT'S RIGHT, THEY DIDN'T REMODEL BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE CAME.

THEY MADE THE CONTAINER FIRST.

AFTER THAT ABOUT 300 FOLLOWERS JOINED IN HALF A YEAR.

SO... IT DIDN'T SPREAD BY WORD OF MOUTH...

BUT THEY SET UP THE PLACE BEFORE MORE BELIEVERS STARTED TO COME?

...?

SCRATCH SCRATCH

THE BEGINNING IS *ALWAYS* IMPORTANT, SEKIGUCHI-KUN.

I WANT TO KNOW WHO THE FIRST PERSON TERADA HYOUE CONSULTED WAS.

HEY, IT'S POINTLESS TO DO THAT.

I SEE. I'LL LOOK INTO IT.

IT'S HOW THEY CAME TO LEARN THAT TECHNIQUE.

FOR PSYCHICS, IF IT'S NOT THEIR PREDISPOSITION, THEN IT'S THEIR TECHNIQUE.

*THATS* WHAT I WANT TO KNOW.

WHAT KIND OF ADVICE DOES HE GIVE?

THAT'S WHY THEY BELIEVE IN HIM.

BUT, HE CAN INFER WHAT THE PEOPLE HE CONSULTS DIDN'T TELL HIM ABOUT.

HOW NORMAL.

YEAH, IT IS.

AND? WHAT DOES HYOUE DO?

HE JUST LISTENS TO PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS AND GIVES THEM ADVICE.

IT'S SIMPLE.

"DON'T CREATE A BOX AROUND YOUR HOUSE AND HEART."

A BOX AROUND YOUR HEART?

*I FEEL LIKE I HEARD SOMETHING LIKE THAT DURING MY TREATMENT FOR DEPRESSION.*

WHAT HE MEANT BY "BOX" WERE THINGS LIKE GREED AND LIES.

SO HE SAYS TO KEEP A HEALTHY MENTAL STATE.

THERE-FORE, WICKED THINGS SHALL SEEP FROM THE CRACKS IN SUCH A BOX.

WHAT HE'S SAYING IS THAT IF YOU LIVE AN IMMORAL LIFE, THE WEALTH YOU GAIN FROM THOSE CORRUPT WAYS WILL BOX YOU IN AND CAUSE STAGNATION.

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YUP.

THAT'S MORE LIKE A MORAL THAN A TEACHING.

THEN ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS ADD A HINT OF THE OCCULT AND IT'S PERFECT.

FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE DESPERATELY IN NEED, IT'S BETTER TO GIVE SOME GRANDMOTHERLY ADVICE THAN TO SUGGEST BLIND FAITH.

IT'S A COMMON PRACTICE.

SO FOR IGNORANT PEOPLE, SOME CHILDISH DOCTRINE AND QUESTION-ABLE MIRACLES ARE THE BEST ..

I SEE...

MOURYOU.

...SO WHAT ELSE DOES THIS ONBAKO-SAMA GIVE OTHER THAN MORALS AND PEP TALKS?

ONCE THE MOURYOU SPRING FORTH, THERE'S NO CHOICE BUT TO HAVE THE FOUNDER SEAL THEM INSIDE THE ONBAKO.

MOU-RYOU...

...

MOU-RYOU?

HE SAYS THAT THEY SPRING OUT OF THE SPACES IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND HOMES.

YES, MOU-RYOU.

ARE MOURYOU A PROBLEM?

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

WHY A MOURYOU?

...

MOU-RYOU.

WHAT, YOU WERE LISTENING?

SO THERE ARE THINGS THAT EVEN YOU DON'T KNOW?

THEY'RE THINGS THAT I DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND.

I WANT TO KNOW TOO!

WHAT IS THIS "MOURYOU" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT?

ORIGINALLY, THE MOURYOU WAS A CHINESE SPIRIT THAT WAS ADOPTED INTO JAPANESE MYTHOLOGY.

I ALMOST *KNOW* TOO MUCH, THAT'S WHY I SAID *UNDERSTAND.*

*KYOUGOKUDO ISN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT THIS ONE.*

IN JAPAN, THE NAME WALKED OFF ON IT'S OWN AND HAS CREATED CONFUSION.

THAT'S WHY IT'S TROUBLE-SOME.

THAT'S ONLY IF IT'S USED AS "CHIMI MOURYOU".

ISN'T "MOURYOU" JUST A NAME FOR MONSTERS IN GENERAL?

SO IT'S UNCLEAR..

HMM?

?

THE MEANING OF THE CHARACTERS?

YES.

IS THE PROBLEM.

THE MEANING

YOU COULD SAY THAT "MOU" MEANS A SORT OF GOD OF THE MOUNTAIN AND "RYOU" MEANS THE SOUL OF THE MOUNTAIN, RIVER, TREES AND ROCKS, BUT...

BUT NOT IF YOU SEPARATE THEM. "CHI" IS THE MOUNTAIN GOD, "MI" IS THE SOUL, AN AGED SPIRIT. BUT "MOURYOU" ITSELF HAS NO REAL DEFINITION.

HAVE YOU GUYS READ ANY ZHUANG-ZI?

I HAVE, BUT I FORGOT IT.

ZHUANG-ZI?

NO.

THAT OBVIOUSLY MEANS THAT DIFFERENT MEANINGS ARE BORN.

"MOURYOU" HAS MANY DIFFERENT WAYS OF BEING WRITTEN.

IT'S A FAMOUS LINE IN ZHUANG-ZI'S "ON ARRANGING THINGS".

IN THIS CASE, THE MOURYOU CAN BE CONSIDERED A SECOND SHADOW SURROUNDING THE THIN OUTLINE OF AN ORIGINAL SHADOW.

NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T JUST RECITE THAT OUT OF MEMORY.

"MOURYOU, HE SPEAKS OF THE SHADOW AND SAYS, A MOMENT AGO YOU WERE WALKING, BUT NOW YOU'VE STOPPED; A MOMENT AGO YOU WERE SITTING, BUT NOW YOU'RE STANDING."

AH... I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE

AND IF YOU READ MOUSHOU THE JAPANESE WAY, IT BECOMES "MIZUHA".

HAVE YOU READ THE KOJIKI?

...

...

IT ALSO SAYS IN THE *SADEN* THAT MOUSHOU ARE MONSTERS OF RIVERS AND SWAMPS.

IN THE *ENANJI*, IT SAYS THAT MOUNTAINS GIVE BIRTH TO KYOUYOU, WATER GIVES BIRTH TO MOUSHOU, HITSUBOU GIVE BIRTH TO TREES, AND WELLS GIVE BIRTH TO FUNYOU.

ON THE OTHER HAND, A MOUSHOU ARE MONSTERS THAT COME FROM WATER.

Kyouyou

Hitsubou

Funyou

MIZU-HAME-NO-KAMI... MIZUHA...

MOU-RYOU!

Heh.

WHEN IZANAMI-NO-MIKOTO GIVES BIRTH TO THE FIRE GOD, KAGUZUCHI, AND BURNS TO DEATH, MIZUHAME-NO-KAMI IS BORN FROM HER URINE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

ALTHOUGH THIS IS A STRANGE STORY.

IS HE REALLY BAD WITH MOURYOU?

I THINK IN THE TERRITORY OF AWA'S MITSUMA-NOKOORI.

I BELIEVE THERE IS A SHRINE THAT WORSHIPS THIS GOD... I THINK IT WAS MIZUHANOME SHRINE...

THIS IS A GOD THAT HAS TO DO WITH PURIFICATIONS BUT... WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH MOURYOU?

HMM?

THAT'S... MIMASAKA'S...

?

WHY IS HE IRRITATED?

NO... IT'S IRRELE-VANT, JUST A COINCI-DENCE.

MIMASAKA? THE DOCTOR FROM THE BOX MAN-SION?

WELL ANY-WAYS,

IN OUR COUNTRY, MOURYOU ARE SAID TO BE SPIRITS OF THE RIVER WATERS.

...

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ALSO, MIZUHA IS SAID TO HAVE SPIRITS OF PLANTS UNDER HER CONTROL... CHIMI MOURYOU IS USED AS A GENERAL TERM FOR ALL SPIRITS IN THE NATURAL WORLD

I BELIEVE.

AS A RESULT,

A KAPPA!?

IN THE *NIHONGI* IT'S A WATER GOD AND IN THE *YAMATO HONZOU* IT'S A KAPPA.

THIS KIND OF CONFUSION EXISTS IN CHINA TOO.

THE FAMOUS CONFUCIUS SAID THAT MONSTERS OF TREES AND ROCKS ARE "KIMOURYOU" AND THAT THEORY SPREAD THROUGHOUT.

YOU SEEM UNUSUALLY UNCERTAIN.

WELL, LET ME EMPHASIZE AGAIN THAT THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF MOURYOU IS SOMETHING FAR DIFFERENT FROM WHAT I'VE JUST MENTIONED.

THERE IS.

BUT-

SO THERE'S NO DEFINITIVE FORM.

THE SOULS OF MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS, MONSTERS OF THE WATER, MONSTERS OF TREES AND ROCKS... ANYTHING GOES, HUH?

THE CHILD WAS A MOU-RYOU?

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

THERE'S ACTUALLY A DIFFERENT FOLKLORE TO THE MOURYOU.

THERE'S A MYTH THAT THE MOURYOU WERE THE SON OF AN ANCIENT CHINESE EMPEROR.

魍魎
形三歳乃小児の如し一色赤玉一周有り
耳長く聳うごく
こうぐ
此者の肝を食ふと云

THIS IS THE ONE AND ONLY PHYSICAL FORM GIVEN TO THE MOURYOU.

IT'S EATING—

A BODY?

A SMALL GOBLIN THAT EATS CORPSES.

WHY...?

WH...

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN? ISN'T IT A BIT SUDDEN?

I CAN MAKE IT EVEN MORE COMPLICATED IF YOU WANT.

ON THE ONE HAND, IT'S SAID TO BE SOMETHING UNKNOWN. AND ON THE OTHER, THERE'S A CONCRETE FORM.

IN THE END, MOURYOU ARE SPIRITS OF NATURE, WATER GODS, AND MONSTERS OF TREES AND ROCKS- BUT THE FORM IT TOOK IN SOCIETY IS THIS-

THEY'RE SAID TO TAKE THE BODIES OF CRIMINALS, CHOP THEM UP, AND SCATTER THEM.

THERE'S A YOUKAI CALLED THE KASHA. IT'S A YOUKAI THAT COMES TO TAKE CRIMINALS TO HELL.

IT'S ALSO SAID... THAT THE ONE RIDING THE KASHA IS A MOURYOU.

ACCORDING TO THE *MIMIBUKURO*, THERE ARE EVEN MOURYOU THAT TOOK HUMAN FORM AND SERVED UNDER SAMURAI.

ANOTHER MYTH SAYS THAT THE REASON WHY YOU PUT KNIVES AND OTHER METAL OBJECTS NEAR THE DEAD IS TO KEEP AGED CATS AND MOURYOU AWAY FROM THE BODY.

IT WAS PROBABLY BETTER NOT TO LISTEN TO THAT LAST PART IF WE WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE MOURYOU.

HEHE HEHEH

HEHEH, YOU AS WELL?

ME TOO.

...

SCRATCH

SCRATCH

IF IT'S A MOURYOU, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT IS.

EXACTLY. IF THESE WERE GOBLINS OR DEVILS IT WOULD'VE BEEN EASY TO REFUTE.

UM, SURE.

TORIGU-CHI-KUN, CAN YOU EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE?

THIS SHOULD COME IN HANDY!

I WOULD KNOW IF IT'S SHINTO, SHUGEN, OR MIPPOU.

IF I KNEW HOW ONBAKO-SAMA PRAYS,

OH! THAT I KNOW!

IT'S A DENSUKE!

I BOR-ROWED IT FROM MY BOSS.

IT'S SO HEAVY, I THOUGHT I'D LOSE MY ARM.

IT'S A TRIAL PRODUCT FOR THE PORTABLE TAPE RECORDER FROM THE TOKYO COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY. WHY DO YOU HAVE IT?

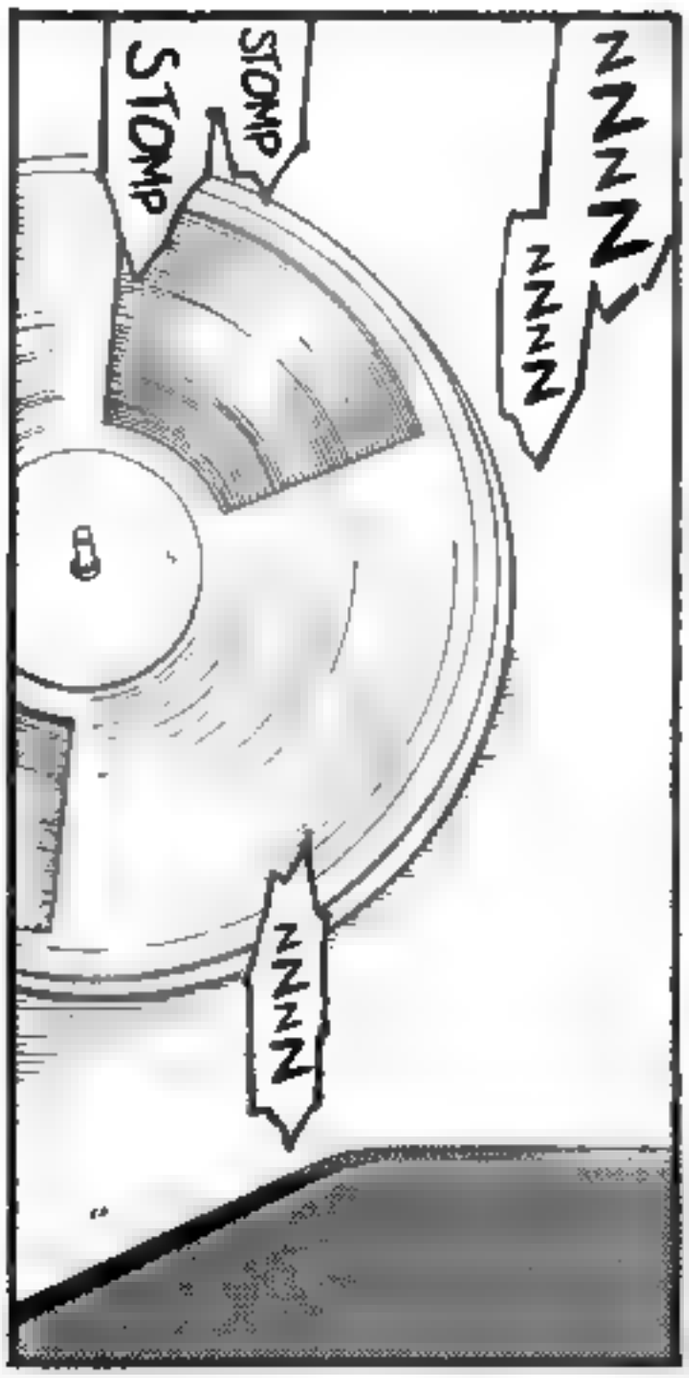
DENSUKE?

PLAY IT!!

YOU... RECORD-ED...!

YESTERDAY, SECRETLY, FROM BEHIND THE FENCE OF THE BATH HOUSE...

WHO IS THIS BOSS OF YOURS!?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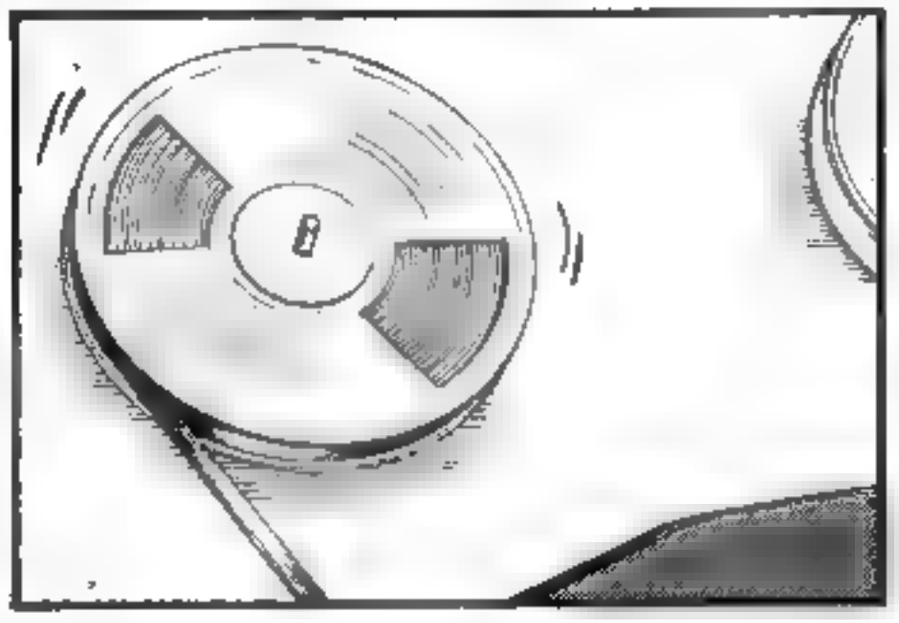
HURRY, HURRY!



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Sareba kono chi kono tokoro ni mouryou taisan no tame Onbako wo ite mukawan!

STOMP

Ha!

STOMP

STOMP

Shifuru Furu Yura Yura Shifuru Furu.

STOMP

STOMP

...Amatsukami no Mioya Oshie Mikotonori shite iwaku. Moshi itamu tokoro araba.

STOMP

Kono ashi no utsubo naru shinpino Onbako WO Shite.

STOMP

STOMP

Sore Nate Iri Sani Tachi Sui Ime Koro Shite.

STOMP

VERY HANDY

SO IT CAME IN HANDY!

NOW I'VE GOT MOST OF IT.

YOU DID IT!

HM? BUT HE LOOKS LIKE THERE'S STILL SOMETHING HE CAN'T FIGURE OUT.

CHIKUJOU... NORTHERN KYUSHU? I HEARD FROM THE NEIGHBORS THAT HYOUE AND HIS FATHER CHUU ARE ONLY CHILDREN AND THAT THEY HAVE NO RELATIVES.

ANY RELATIVES IN ISE AND CHIKUJOU?

YES, NOT COUNTING WHEN HE WAS IN THE WAR. HE'S NEVER EVEN GONE OFF ON A TRIP.

DID TERADA HYOUE GROW UP IN MITAKA?

A FEW QUES-TIONS:

TO FIND OUT WHO THAT IS, I NEED TO KNOW WHO HIS FIRST BELIEVER WAS AND THE WHEREABOUTS OF HYOUE'S FAMILY.

BESIDES THAT,

ONBAKO-SAMA HAS SOMEONE PULLING STRINGS IN THE BACK-GROUND.

BUT WHY ISE AND KYUSHU?

I'LL GET TO THAT EVENT-UALLY.

WHAT?

I CAN'T DO THAT.

WHAT ABOUT ME!?

SEKIGUCHI-KUN, YOU GO FIND OUT WHO THE NEXT VICTIM MIGHT BE.

WHAT ABOUT THE MOU-RYOU?

I'LL GO ASK RIGHT AWAY!

WHAT DO THESE PEOPLE THINK I AM!?

YOU'RE A DETECTIVE!

I'M NOT USED TO CRIMINAL INVESTI-GATIONS!

I WAS THINKING OF TAKING SEKI TO MEET A FRIEND OF THE GIRL WHO WAS KIDNAPPED.

Of course it does!

YOUR CASE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OURS.

YUP, IT'S WRITTEN HERE.

ISN'T SHE SUSPI-CIOUS?

ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE GIRL WHO WAS AT BOTH KANAKO'S ATTEMPTED SUICIDE LOCATION AND SUBSEQUENT KIDNAPPING?

HMPH...

FLIP

FLIP

KUSUMOTO KIMIE?

LET'S SEE. MUSASHI KOGANEI- DOLL MAKER KUSUMOTO KIMIE; ELDEST DAUGHTER YORIKO, 14.

CURRENTLY ATTENDS TAKAHANE ACADEMY'S MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION.

FLIP

FLIP

THE NOTES BY KIYO-NO...

HERE, LOOK. BEFORE KUBO SHUN-KOU.

I KNEW IT!

WHAT IS IT?

THIS IS-

KUSUMOTO KIMIE IS ONE OF ONBAKO-SAMA'S DISCIPLES!

Chiba Prefecture

Kusumoto Kimie

Tokyo Koga...

HOW WILL IT BE BAD?

WHAT'S HAPPENING!?

THIS CASE IS LIKE A MOURYOU.

A REPETITION OF UNPLEASANT COINCIDENCES AND DISCREPANCIES...

YOU ACTUALLY DID SOME WORK!!

KYOGOKUDO?

IF THIS CONTINUES, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT HE'S CONNECTED TO ALL OF THIS...

IF THAT HAPPENS, IT WON'T BE GOOD.